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JAMES KELLIS

With a helping hand from labor forces, James Kellis popped into the county's political horizon as he was nominated Tuesday to face incumbent Republican Congressman William S. Broomfield in November.

In the race for only the last 75 days, Kellis, 43, emerged victor from a hot six-man contest for the Democratic nomination to represent the 18th Congressional District in Washington.

Born in Greece, Kellis retired as an Air Force colonel last May. He is a former undercover agent for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and operations chief for

the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Kellis, of Berkley, promised that the shortcomings of the United States intelligence system — remembering in particular the U2 incident — would be made a key campaign issue between now and Nov. 8.

He racked up an unofficial total of 8,217 votes while his nearest competitor, Ralph T. Johnson of Oak Park, labor relations specialist with Chrysler Corp., received 7,241.

All votes are unofficial until canvassed.

After watching the returns come into the Courthouse, loser Johnson

Kellis to Oppose Rep. Broomfield

walked away disappointed before all were counted. He readily attributed Kellis' victory to the winner's endorsement by the Oakland County AFL-CIO Council.

Labor-favored slates on which Kellis' name appeared were passed out at many polls throughout the county during yesterday's primary election.

Kellis, who promises "a very vigorous campaign" against the 38-year-old Broomfield, was not reluctant to say the labor endorsement helped.

Broomfield was miles away in Europe on an inspection trip of NATO bases when some 33,623 votes rolled in for him. He was unopposed.

He is bidding for his third two-year term as the county's representative in Congress.

In the nonpresidential election year of 1958, when he was opposed the former state representative and senator pulled in 17,132 votes. Trailing Kellis and Johnson were:

Zigmund J. Niparko, 6,490 votes; Hazel Park councilman who has failed in his sixth straight try for the congressional nomination.

Leo P. Meagher, 6,431; Wood creek Farms real estate broker who stirred the ire of labor with an 11th-hour lawsuit seeking to

block distribution of the union slates. He wasn't on them.

George E. Lennox, 3,661, another political neophyte — and owner and general manager of a Hazel Park industrial tool supply company.

Joseph Kadans, 2,135, a resident of Detroit and attorney and author.

Broomfield will be challenged upon his return to Washington Aug. 12. Kellis said, to publicly debate the hot election issue of foreign affairs.

Benefitting from his unopposed position, Broomfield easily garnered more votes than any of the six Democratic candidates in all but four of the county's 46 townships and cities.

While winner Kellis attracted 1,262 votes from Pontiac's 44 precincts, Broomfield received 2,860.

Kellis received the majority of Democratic votes in but 12 of the 46 communities. But his other mushrooming tallies moved him to the 976 margin over Johnson.

After 24 years with the Air Force, Minnesota Congressman John A. Blatnik, with whom Kellis served in the OSS, encouraged Kellis to enter politics in an attempt to improve the security system of the nation.



WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD

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